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Temporary Road Closure of Good Luck Point Site in Berkeley Township to Replace Culvert

There will be a temporary road closure of Bayview Avenue between Lavalette Avenue and Lake Drive to allow for the replacement of a culvert that runs underneath Bayview Avenue. According to Refuge Manager Virginia Rettig, "The culvert will be replaced to increase the amount of tidal flow to the marsh on the west side of Bayview Avenue. The culverts in place now allow water into that marsh, but allow tide waters to recede too slowly. That keeps water on the marsh for too long and over many years this excess flooding has killed marsh vegetation and made the site waterlogged. A larger culvert will allow this water to move off the marsh more quickly." The temporary road closure is scheduled to begin on or around October 1, 2018, and will last until October 29, 2018, at the latest. There will be no access on the route during the closure, even during non-construction periods (e.g. nights and weekends).

Traffic control signage will be installed for safety of vehicular and pedestrian traffic as well as safety of the crew in the work zone. Please note that all businesses along Bayview Avenue will remain open during the road closure.

The above project has been approved by Berkeley Township and Ocean County. The work will be conducted in accordance with land-use permits issued by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. As part of the Ocean County Road Opening Permit, a Traffic Management Plan has been developed and is on file with the Ocean County Engineering Department and the Berkeley Township Police Department. In accordance with the Road Opening Permit, signage warning of the planned construction and the road closure will be placed along Bayview Avenue, Veeder Lane, and Ocean Gate Drive in advance of project initiation.

If you would like further information, please contact Refuge Manager Virginia Rettig at (609) 652-1665 or email Virginia_Rettig@fws.gov

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